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NORTH ADAMS HONORS LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS AT APPRECIATION TO INDUSTRY NIGHT



Raymond Calvi explains the function of a capacitor to pupils of the sixth grade, Mark Hopkins School, during Industry Appreciation Week.



John Durnin, Principal of Mark Hopkins School, has some of the fine points of a mica capacitor interpreted by Raymond Calvi.

North Adams industrialists were lauded by their community at an Appreciation to Industry night held at the Richmond Hotel on February 19.

This unique tribute to industry by the community was planned by an independent group of civic leaders. Leaders in the city, including service clubs, labor unions, and civic organizations, gathered together to honor the representatives of eleven North Adams industries and show the area's appreciation for the vital role these businesses play in the economic life of the city. Mr. Harry Smith headed the group which planned this "thank you, industry" night.

Messrs. Robert C. and Julian K. Sprague represented Sprague Electric on this Appreciation Night, and received a scroll of appreciation in behalf of the Company.

The scrolls, given to the eleven industries employing 50 or more employees, were presented by President Grover C. Bowman of the North Adams State Teachers College. Other industries receiving the scrolls were Strong, Hewat & Co., James Hunter Machine Co., H. W. Clark Biscuit Co., Henry Jarish, Inc., Greylock Division of the Berkshire Fine Spinning Co., Wall-Streeter Shoe Co., Windsor Print Works, R. J. Widen Tannery Co., Rainford Manufacturing Co., and the Hoosac Mills Corporation.

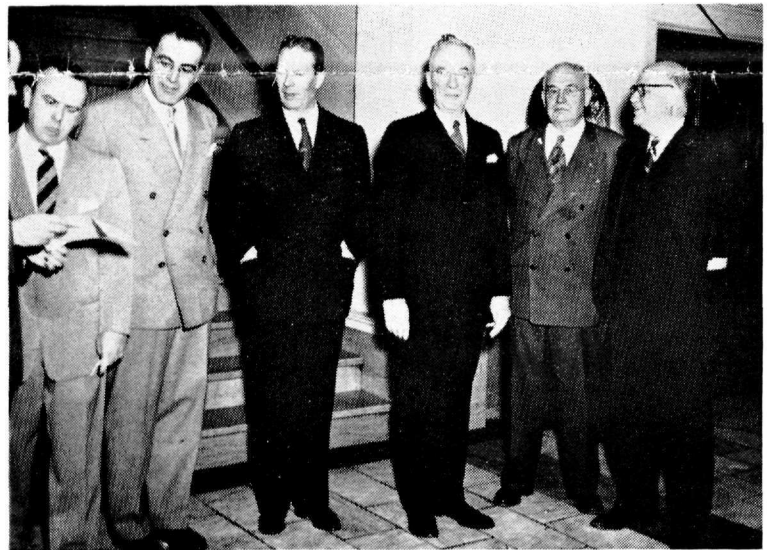
President James Phinney Baxter, 3rd, of Williams College, was the principal speaker. Other speakers were James H. Hunter, Vice President of the James Hunter Machine Co., Mayor Ernest H. Rosasco, President Hugo DeFalco of the Chamber of Commerce, Reed S. Barrows, Chairman of the Chamber's Retail Division, and William J. Stackpole, Chairman of the ICW No. 2 of the Sprague Electric Co.

In connection with the Appreciation to Industry night, the local schools held an Industry Appreciation Week Observance, during which the school children studied the North Adams industries, their products, and their importance to the community.

At the Johnson School, Courtney Flanders of Sprague Electric and Morris Fishman of the Windsor Print Works talked to the pupils about their respective industries and the part these companies played in the well-being of the community.

At the Mark Hopkins School, Raymond Calvi of Sprague Electric discussed in detail the manufacture and use of the items produced at Sprague Electric. Mr. Calvi's talk was supplemented by exhibits of Sprague Electric products.

A panel on industry and the community was held at Drury High School. John D. Washburn, Sprague Electric, Bill Stackpole, ICW No. 2 Sprague Electric, Harry Smith, Harry Smith, Inc., and Warren Simson, Bessie System, served on the panel.



Industrial and community leaders at the Appreciation to Industry night. From left to right: Harry Smith, Ernest Rosasco, Robert C. Sprague, James Wall, Grover C. Bowman, and James Phinney Baxter.



North Adams citizens gather to fete industry. From left to right: Edward Battey, Mitchell NeJame, Ralph Boisjolie, Walter Rohane, Ernest Purpura, George Nassif, Henry Gamari, and Donald Coughlin.

Unemployment Compensation Operated By State - Federal System

What is Unemployment Insurance?

Unemployment insurance or compensation (as it is sometimes called) is a weekly payment made when an insured worker loses his job through no fault of his own and is able and willing to take another job. It provides payments to take the place, in part, of the paycheck which stops when the worker is temporarily unemployed.

Unemployment insurance is NOT operated by the Social Security Administration, but is a State-Federal system and is operated by each state in accordance with the provisions of its own law.

Who Is Eligible?

Anyone who has been paid at least \$500 for work covered by the law in the base period used to figure the amount of benefits and provided the qualifications for payment of benefits are met.

Who Pays For It?

Your employer "foots the bill". The premiums, all tax contributions, are paid entirely by your employer. (In a few states the employee must pay part of the cost.)

When and How Do You Apply For It?

When you are laid off or lose your job (through no fault of your own) you should go immediately to the nearest Employment Security Office to apply for another job and to claim unemployment insurance payments. If no job is found for you or you cannot find one you will begin to get weekly payments within a short time.

The size of the payments depends upon your recent wages from jobs covered by the State Unemployment Insurance Law. Payments are made weekly at rates ranging from \$6 to \$25 for a maximum of 23 weeks.

Usually the payments do not start until after a waiting period which is one week of total or partial unemployment after filing your first claim in a benefit year. You are required to report immediately at the Employment Security Office at this scheduled time in order to continue to claim and to sign a claim statement each week in which you claim benefits.

Whereas under the old law, the benefit year was April to April, under the new law, a claimant's benefit year will begin on the Sunday of the week in which he files his claim. He may file a claim on April 1 if his old benefit year is expired. The earnings period for each claimant will depend on when he files his claim. This differs from the present method of figuring by which all benefits are computed on the basis of earnings from January through December of the year preceding the benefit period. By counting back four

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Desrosiers Assumes New Duties; R. Brown Appointed Foreman

Charles Desrosiers, Foreman of Miscellaneous Paper Finish, assumed his new duties as Foreman of Miscellaneous Paper Assembly on February 18.

Raymond Brown was appointed Foreman of Miscellaneous Paper Finish. Mr. Brown was an Administrative Assistant to Mr. E. L. Ward.

George Kodama

George Kodama, supervising engineer of ceramic capacitors at the Sprague Electric Nashua Division, was found dead in the drive of his Dunstable, Mass. home on February 18. Mr. Kodama's death was caused by a heart condition brought on by shoveling snow.

Mr. Kodama was born in Sacramento, Calif. and lived there for 19 years before moving to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He received his training at the Milwaukee School of Engineering and in 1946 joined the Herlec Corporation as the Research and Development Engineer for that plant. In January of 1949, he became Research and Development Engineer for the Nashua plant.

Mr. Kodama was considered one of the most brilliant men in the electronic industry. While with the Herlec Corporation, he worked on the design and development of

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Research and Engineering Personnel and Guests Enjoy Square Dancing



Dr. and Mrs. Preston Robinson gave the square-dance party for laboratory personnel and invited guests.



The party was held at the Williams College Faculty Club in Williamstown. Refreshments were enjoyed.



Dancers whirl around the floor to the calling of Mr. Lloyd of Amherst, Mass.



Employees of Research and Engineering and their guests enjoyed the party given on February 22 by Dr. Robinson, Vice President in Charge of Engineering.

Sprague Electric Beauties Among Those Honored at Legion Ball

Three Sprague Electric beauties were among the lovely ladies honored at the annual American Legion Ball. Mrs. Vivian Blair of Payroll and Costs was crowned queen by Cmdr. William McConnell. Vivian is the mother of four children. Among the members of her court were Mrs. Geraldine Delisle, of Industrial Oils, and Mrs. Mary Reeny, of Specifications Engineering.

Beaver Street News

Bathtub Assembly by D. Landry

We are sorry to hear Sophie Jaskiewicz is in the hospital. We hope she soon will be well and back to work. Cards from us might help to cheer her. It's good to see Sylvia Solomon back with us again after her recent leave of absence.

Dolores Domenichini and her husband attended the Alerts' Ball in Adams. We understand they had a very nice time.

Nancy Briggs still is talking about the bad luck of the Lassies. We are sorry your team has been having a little hard luck, Nancy. Better luck next time.

Donata Jacobs' husband campaigned successfully for assessor in Cheshire.

Caroline Grant has been entertaining her little nephew, Butchie Swan, from Hartford. Caroline enjoys these visits from her favorite nephew.

Russell Mazza left us recently to join the Navy. We wish him the best of luck.

Ronnie Messina enjoyed her week of vacation in spite of the blizzard.

Louise Barrett is on a leave of absence. We hope she regains her health and returns soon.

Have you noticed how spic and span we look in our department?

Metal Clad — Small Order by Della Keating

We welcome back Arlene Coody after her recent illness.

A speedy recovery to Irene Lacross who recently underwent an operation.

Jane Dufresne was presented with a lovely cake and gifts from the girls on her birthday. The cake was made by Margaret Adamcyk.

Josephine Mastalisz, Jean Poirot, and Lea Perros recently had their ears pierced and are sporting lovely earrings.

Pete Jeffers is busy these days getting his affairs settled. He will be leaving soon for the service.

What would happen if: Jean Scarpetto wasn't snapping her gum. Jean Poirot could sit still. Jane Dufresne wasn't always good natured, and if Jane Paradise wasn't always hungry.

Metal Clad (NIGHTS) by Theresa and Ethel

Marcy Pasquini, Rose Berti, Helen Richardson, and Hazel Lavigne recently enjoyed vacations.

Peg Bergeron's little girl had her tonsils removed during Peg's vacation.

Enjoying vacations recently were Eleanor Tatro, Gert Flaherty, Theresa Stefanski, who moved during hers. Theresa Thomas, who took care of her three boys who had measles, and Ethel Chilson.

Sorry to see Geraldine Bourdon leave us. We will miss you, Gerry.

Birthday wishes are extended to Gert Bobowicz and Corinne Button. A little late, but better late than never.

Good luck to Clyde MacDonald who has joined up with Uncle Sam.

Hi, Gladys Bissailion. Hope you're feeling better. We miss you in the Shipping Room.

It's farewell to Mae Ryan, Millie D'Amico, Claire Pettibone, Julie Pevoski, and Orie Grogan.

Hope Eva Jowett likes working days as much as she did nights.

Terry Worthington enjoyed a nice trip to Norfolk, Virginia to visit her sailor brother.

Upper Offices

by Flo and Sue

Helen and Warren Clough have left for a six-week vacation. They plan to attend the Mardi Gras in Louisiana and tour the state of Florida. We hope they have a wonderful time.

Rena Bua and Janice Chesbro were among the lovely ladies at the American Legion Ball. Also, understand the Kimball Berrys and the Roy Douglasses made charming couples at this affair. Hope you all had a real good time.

Plating

by Is

The Plating Department has been divided into two groups. One half moved across the street completely and Red Gorczakowski, Babe Lusier, Nick Santa, Loren Estes, and Is have joined Nes Roberts and Don Viens, who have been in the new quarters for quite some time. We have plenty of fresh air and the warm sunshine streams through a big picture window which offers a fine view. The ceiling is high, affording good circulation of air, and with the larger amount of floor space the boys are kept busy with the broom. The walls are painted white from the ceiling down half way and the rest of the wall is green. At night, Dick Hosley, Eddie Sprague, Mike Becker, Stephan Godyn, and George Whipple come filing in to take up where the day shift leave off.

In the main building, they are having a spring house-cleaning and the walls are being painted to match the other section. The same crew is carrying on the work: Jim Delan, Harry Paesler, Stan Lesnick, and Stanley Brown, during the day, and Red Koslaski, Jim Swain, Al Chalifoux, and Angelo Mazza at night.

Howie Isherwood was walking along minding his business when all of a sudden the ground came up to meet him. A second glance revealed two feet in the air and Howie sitting in the middle of a cool puddle. The ground can be awfully wet at times. Just ask him, he'll be glad to explain.

Births

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Alden S. Jones on February 24. Mr. Jones is employed in Etching.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Silvio Gamari on February 23. Mr. Gamari works in Incoming Inspection.

Mike Stefanik Turned an Idea Into Money



Michael Stefanik, of Metal Clad Tubular Assembly, explains his accepted suggestion to his Foreman, Charles Muleahy, and to David Cates, Secretary of the Suggestion Committee. Michael devised an attachment to the preform machine in Metal Clad which will insure greater safety for the operator and is more efficient. Mr. Stefanik was awarded forty dollars for his idea.

George Kodama

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ceramic capacitors. The design of the "Bulplate", a printed multiple ceramic capacitor which has been patented, was an outstanding development of Mr. Kodama's made while he was at Herlec. His work at the Nashua plant entailed further development of ceramic capacitors. Mr. Kodama worked tirelessly designing and improving Sprague Electric products. Among his achievements are included a Resistor Processing Machine, an automatic Screening Machine, Button Capacitors, Printed Circuits, Volume Control Capacitors, Variable Condensers and a number of others.

During World War II, the outstanding engineer was presented with a Certificate of Award from the Government in recognition of work he had done which contributed to the war effort. This work was organized under the Office of Scientific Research and Development.

The premature death of Mr. Kodama, who was 45, has robbed the electronic industry of an engineer whose active and brilliant mind was contributing constantly to its progress. His death will be felt keenly by his many friends in the Sprague Electric organization.

Unemployment Compensation

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calendar months from the effective date of his claim period a claimant may know his earnings period on which his claim is figured. The earnings period is the four consecutive completed calendar quarters preceding this four months.

How To Determine Your Base Period.

If you file your claim during:	Your base period will be the one year period from:
January, 1952	July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951
February, March or April, 1952	October 1, 1950 to September 30, 1951
May, June or July, 1952	January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951
August, September or October, 1952	April 1, 1951 to March 31, 1952
November, December, January, 1953	July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952

Rumors of an Auto Club

It has been rumored that an Ancient Auto Association is being formed and the officers are Walter Schroeder, Tom Cullen, and Samuel McClure. Tom Cullen's application is being contested because his present car is a little too modern.

Adams Wins Northern Berkshire Basketball Crown; Local High School Teams Prepare For Tournaments

The curtain has come down on another high school basketball season and the hum in the air is the fans throughout the State, building up that pent-up emotion which will be exploded in pack-jammed gymnasiums during tournament week.

Here in the Berkshires, the climax came when the Red and White of Adams swept to the Northern Berkshire Crown and then made a clean sweep by brush-

Bill Prevey Showered With Gifts on Testimonial Night

Before some 3000 spectators, Bill Prevey was showered by his many friends with many gifts. Bill's father and mother were present at this grand affair and were visibly moved by the display shown by the fans throughout the area.

Although closely guarded by Tufts men, Prevey put on a dazzling display of uncanny basketball to rack up 28 points and when he left the court he received a tremendous ovation. Eddie Nassif, speaking in behalf of the contingent from North Adams and himself a former Capt. at the University of Mass., paid tribute to Bill and presented him with a beautiful wrist watch.

Deerfield Resident Runner-up In International Dog Sled Derby

Dr. Charles Belford, of Deerfield, Mass. was runner-up to Wilfred Lepine, 36 year old French Canadian in the annual International Dog Sled Derby which covered some 100 miles across frozen waste land in Ottawa, Canada. The Derby was run off in three days with a course of 33 miles run per day.

Although in the second place slot, Dr. Belford, Deerfield veterinarian, won the plaudits of a crowd estimated at better than 40,000 for his spirited drive made over icy conditions and with sub-zero temperatures.

This race is known as the North American Derby and helps to forge better relations between Canada and the U. S.

Y.M.C.A. Volley Ball Standings

In Y.M.C.A. volley ball competition, Joe Moreau is leading the scorers with a total of 864 points, Bob Krull is second with 751, while George St. Pierre has 730, Ed Malloy 598 and Art Bergeron is fifth with an even 500.

by Fran Brazeau

Y.M.C.A. Wrestling Team Doing Well in Meets

The Y.M.C.A. for the first time in many years is sponsoring a wrestling team which, with a little patience and hard work, may become as prominent as some of the teams it turned out years ago.

So far this season, it has competed in one match and 3 open meets. It must be remembered that in open meets teams from all over the state may enter.

In its match with the highly experienced Williams matmen, the locals could only win one fall, which was taken by Bob Circe in the 160 lb. class. It fared very well in the meets in Boston, Providence, and Quincy, Mass., however, as Bob Potvin, Leo Laholt, Jerry Dubois, and Bob Circe all came through with victories.

The best individual performances were given by Leo Laholt and Bob Potvin who won trophies for first and second prizes respectively.

Their next meet was at Attleboro on Saturday February 23.

Here is the team roster:

Name	Class
Bob Circe	160 lb.
Bob Potvin	160 lb.
Jerry Dubois	147 lb.
Leo Laholt	147 lb.
Jordan Mastriani	125 lb.
George St. Pierre—Adviser.	

by Fran Brazeau

ing aside Searles High of Great Barrington, winner of the Southern Berkshire Crown.

The charges of Coach Chet Zabeck convincingly won the two games contested and accepted the bid to the Western Mass. tourney.

Adams' first opponent was Tech High of Springfield, a fast, charging, heads-up ball team which likes the same style of basketball employed by the Mother Town team.

Pittsfield St. Joseph, runner up to Adams in the Northern Berkshire race, has accepted a bid to play in the Catholic Tourney conducted in Lawrence, Mass. Led by Capt. Dick Maloney, the Hoyas swept by Malden Catholic, 53-51 to reach the semi-final bracket.

Drury High has accepted a bid to play in the Assumption Tourney staged in Worcester. Their opponent will be Chicopee whom they defeated earlier in the season. If the Blue Devils continue to play the brand of ball displayed at the close of the season, they may surprise all in the tourney.

Dalton and North Adams St. Joseph have both accepted invitations to the Small Tourney staged annually in Amherst at the University of Mass.

In the Small Supplementary Tilts, local St. Joseph will face Huntington. Williamsburg will meet Monson.

The finals of these clashes will be the preliminary to the main go between the semi-final winners of the regular Small School Tourney.

Dalton is placed in this category and will face Smith Academy.

The Academy boasts of a young man, Kellogg, who has scored some 666 points this season and has averaged better than 28 points per game. The charges of Pete Stephenson will have to watch this ace closely if they wish to down Smith Academy.

Independent Basketball Teams

The St. Anthony Crusaders plan to compete again in the annual Kiwanis Club Hoop Tournament at Shelburne Falls next month, besides participating in the one at Great Barrington. The Crusaders are hopeful of having Bob Kately and Bill Prevey in their line-ups for these tournaments.

The Cartier Club of Adams, which has piled up some 24 court victories this season, also has accepted an invitation to enter the coming tournament at Shelburne Falls.

The C. Y. C. of this city denies that dates for the proposed home and home series with the Cartier Club of Adams have been arranged as yet, regardless of the recent announcements made.

Local St. Joseph of the Northern Berkshire League faced Huntington in the Small School Tournament at Amherst on March 6. The other teams were Monson and Williamsburg.

Dalton will be in the main division of this Tourney for the larger schools stacking up against Smith Academy.

Pittsfield St. Joseph has been invited to the Catholic Tourney staged each year in Lawrence early in March.

WHO AM I? (Sports Quiz)

1. I once was a candidate for the Chicago Cubs Catcher's spot. I didn't make the grade because I had a weak arm. But I am now a famous heavy-weight Boxer. Who am I?

2. I just gave the United States its first Gold Medal of the 1952 Winter Olympic Games by winning the women's slalom race. Time: 2 min 6.8 sec. I hail from Rutland, Vt. Who am I?

3. I am a former Drury High Athlete and have been teaching mathematics at Phillips Academy since 1910. I attended Williams College. Have edited the official basketball guide since 1914. People call me "Mr. Basketball". Who am I?

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Lassies Lose Out in Opening Tilt of the New England Tourney



The 1951-1952 Sprague Electric Lassies Basketball Team

Front row, left to right: Marge Wittig, Gloria Amos, Vishey Wisniowski, Ann Mason, Janette Roy, and Steffie Stephanopolus.

Top row, left to right: Coach Cass Sanecki, Lorraine Damon, Nancy King, Janet Fowler, Nancy Briggs, and Teresa Bissailon.

Williams Nears End of Successful Winter Sports Season in Squash, Swimming, and Wrestling

Squash:

Coach Chaffee's squash team won Little Three honors by downing Amherst, 7-2. Led by Dick Squire, the Purple had little difficulty in downing Amherst.

Wrestling:

Williams downed the Amherst "grapplers" by a score of 19-11 to win consolation honors as Wesleyan already had annexed the Little Three title. Bob Shorb and Bill Callaghan have been outstanding performers for the "Ephmen" this season. Both are expected to do very well in the coming New England Tourney.

Swimming:

A very strong band of mermen from Williams easily downed arch-rival Amherst to win Little Three title. Coach Bob Muir's natators completed an outstanding season that saw them win all meets except the one to Colgate. In recent meets, Dick Martin has been smashing Williams College pool records as well as some New England college records. Jones and Worthington also have been outstanding performers.

Hockey:

Coach Bell's pucksters have experienced a disastrous season and lack of able replacements has been keenly felt. Capt. Jim Harvey was outstanding in the recent loss to Norwich. Incidentally, this game was played at Williams and was the first played in Williamstown this season.

Basketball:

Befriended by a surprise win that Wesleyan pinned on Amherst, the Purple, coached by Al Shaw, has an opportunity to throw the basketball title into a three-way tie by pulling another upset by knocking off the Amherst Sabrinas in their own backyard. It would be sweet revenge for the loss incurred earlier at the hands of their arch rival and especially so for the costly defeat suffered a year ago in Lasell gym that meant the Little Three title.

Williams won its last game from Springfield and it was a thriller. Leading early in the game, the Ephmen had to rally late in the contest to cop a close one point decision. Walt Creer was high man for Williams with 20 points. Capt. Wyn Shudt played his usual hard floor game. Outstanding for Springfield was their prolific scorer who holds a slight edge over Bill Prevey of the University of Mass. for high average. He netted some 24 digits.

Basketball:

Coach Shaw's quintet lost the big one to Amherst in the first encounter of the Little Three games between these two arch rivals. The score was 55-45.

After the opening quarter, in which the Purple held Amherst at bay, the Sabrinas began to pick up and led the Ephmen at the half, 27-26.

With Amherst controlling both backboards in the second half, it only was a matter of time and the Ephmen were trailing by as many as 12 points. Herb Smith was the individual star of the evening as he netted 20 points on 7 baskets and 6 free throws. Lack of height was a terrific handicap for the Purple, but one consolation is the fact that this year Coach Shaw is working with nearly all sophomores and juniors.

The Williams Freshmen squad has had a great season with 10 straight wins. However, their first loss of the season was suffered at the hands of a good Siena Freshman squad. The defeat was a heart-breaker; score was 42-40.

A strong Siena basketball squad crushed Williams with all-around superior play. They sunk better than 50% of their shots during the first half and coasted in to win, 69-45.

Middlebury also edged out the Williams quintet, 55-50, at Middlebury.

February Williams Winter Ski Carnival Won by Middlebury

Middlebury edged out Dartmouth in the annual Winter Ski Carnival held in Williamstown. The University of New Hampshire was third followed by Williams. Bowdoin, Yale and Amherst followed in that order.

With snow conditions just about ideal, the past few weeks have seen a decided boom to the various ski resorts throughout the area. A steady influx of skiers from N.Y., Conn., and various parts of Southern Vt. has made the local vicinity hum with winter sports activity.

Dutch Hill in Heartwellville, Vt. has had record-breaking throngs, with some 2500 ski enthusiasts swarming the slopes over the past few week ends.

The over-all picture throughout New England has been most favorable for all winter sports this season and both skating and skiing are enjoying their best seasons in several years.

Drury, Williamstown, and Pittsfield have just finished participating in the ski event, held at Bethel, Maine. All finished well down the list.

by Kenny Russell

Bennington High Beats Bellows Falls Team, Score 48-45

One of Bennington High's latest wins was a 48-45 decision over a fast Bellows Falls team. This win places the Cats in undisputed possession of third place in the Southern Vermont League.

Coach Curley Williams had his Ben-Hi team waive 14 free tries to take the ball outside, in the first game of possession ball this club has ever played.

It paid off with 4 baskets in the first half but did not work for markers in the second half.

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The Sprague Electric Lassies met a tartar when they collided with the home forces, Fosta-Grant, and went down to defeat, 26-22. However, the girls fought valiantly and deserve a lot of credit for if they could have beaten their adversary, they would undoubtedly have reached the finals.

The Tourney was won by the Pro-Drugs of Pittsfield and they had to come from behind to beat Fosta-Grant, the same team the Lassies played in the opener. The final of the game was 32-30 in favor of the Pro-Drugs who rung up their fifth consecutive New England title.

SPRAGUE LASSIES

Player and Position	B	FT	TP
N. King, LF.....	7	1	15
A. Mason, LF.....	0	0	0
J. Fowler, RF.....	0	1	1
N. Briggs, RF.....	0	0	0
G. Amos, C.....	0	0	0
R. Robinson, C.....	0	0	0
L. Damon, LG.....	0	0	0
M. Wittig, LG.....	0	0	0
S. Stevens, LG.....	0	0	0
V. Wisniowski, RG.....	9	2	20
J. Roy, RG.....	0	0	0
Totals	16	4	36

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Player and Position	B	FT	TP
Musanti, RG.....	0	0	0
Landry, RG.....	0	0	0
Hawley, LG.....	2	0	4
Austin, LG.....	0	0	0
Miller, C.....	0	0	0
Mazelnik, C.....	1	2	4
Gilmore, RF.....	0	2	2
Spaulding, LF.....	3	1	7
Totals	6	5	17

SPRAGUE LASSIES:

Player and Position	B	FT	TP
V. Wisniowski, LF.....	4	4	12
N. King, LF.....	1	1	3
Laddie Miranti, RF....	5	4	14
A. Mason, RF.....	0	0	0
N. Briggs, RF.....	0	0	0
Janice Fowler, C.....	4	1	9
G. Amos, C.....	0	0	0
R. Robinson, C.....	0	0	0
L. Damon, LG.....	0	0	0
S. Stevens, LG.....	0	0	0
M. Wittig, RG.....	0	0	0
J. Roy, RG.....	0	0	0
Totals	14	10	38

HUDSON YOUTH BUREAU:

Player and Position	B	FT	TP
Leana, RG.....	1	1	3
Lamburg, RG.....	0	1	1
Cambell, LG.....	2	0	4
Rassi, LG.....	0	0	0
Howe, LG.....	0	0	0
Rossnian, C.....	0	0	0
Novak, RF.....	2	1	5
Pointer, RF.....	0	0	0
Lansing, RF.....	0	2	2
Greyer, LF.....	2	1	5
Lukza, LF.....	1	1	3
Totals	8	7	23

SPRAGUE LASSIES:

Player and Position	B	FT	TP
G. Amos, LF.....	2	0	4
A. Mason, LF.....	0	0	0
L. Mirante, RF.....	5	0	10
R. Robinson, RF.....	1	0	2
J. Fowler, C.....	1	0	2
L. Damon, LG.....	0	1	1
M. Wittig, LG.....	1	0	2
V. Wisniowski, RG.....	10	0	20
J. Roy, RG.....	0	0	0
Totals	20	1	41

ST. STANISLAUS—A.B.

Player and Position	B	FT	TP
Komaniak, RG.....	2	0	4
Kuza, RG.....	1	0	2
J. Wojeik, LG.....	3	0	6
Zatarski, LG.....	5	0	10
Amata, C.....	2	0	4
Koczela, C.....	1	2	4
Slosek, RF.....	1	0	2
Kulpa, LF.....	3	0	6
Totals	18	2	38

Schaefer Method of Artificial Respiration Replaced; More Efficient Nielson Method Introduced in U. S.

Modern times; modern methods. The standard Schaefer method of artificial respiration, which has been for many years official, will be given up, and a new method, known as the Halger Nielson method, will take its place.

This announcement was made several months ago by the American Red Cross, the Department of Defense, the National Research Council, and the U. S. Public Health Service.

The Nielson method is not new; it has been used in Europe since 1932.

In the Schaefer method, the victim lies face down, and the operator presses rhythmically on his lower ribs. In the Halger Nielson method, the operator first pushes down on the back and then lifts the victim's arms.

In the Schaefer method of artificial respiration, the operator pushes out the

air from the chest, relying on the re-coil of the chest to draw air into the lungs again; while in the Nielsen method, the arm lift operation helps to pull air in. You can see this does help considerably.

This change was not made overnight. The American Red Cross research department spent three years on it.

If the victim's arms are injured, the right procedure is to lift the hips instead of the arms. When the victim cannot be placed face down, the operator uses the Sylvester method, pressing the abdomen and then raising the arms.

by Peter Mancuso

Sports Quiz Answers

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1. Rocky Marciano
2. Mrs. Andrea Mead Lawrence
3. Oswald Tower

1952 North Adams Grammar School Skating Champions



Peter Mancuso, Check Inspection, rear right, looks over the 1952 North Adams grammar school speed-skating champions. The competition took place at Noel Field on February 17.

Boys	Class	Girls
	All Ages	
	Open Race	
Norman Blair	Dolores Pedercini	
	14 & 15 yrs.	
Robert Mezzanotte	Roberta Mezzanotte	
	11 & 12 yrs.	
Joseph Lora	Sandra Morin	
	9 & 10 yrs.	
Joseph Mondia	Joan Garvie	

Boys	Class	Girls
	All Ages	
	Open Race	
Robert Mezzanotte	Sandra Morin	
	14 & 15 yrs.	
John Preite	Dolores Pedercini	
	11 & 12 yrs.	
Calvin Canedy	Colleen Moore	
	9 & 10 yrs.	
John Puppola	Judy Andrew	

Boys	Class	Girls
	All Ages	
	Open Race	
George Baroni	Colleen Moore	
	14 & 15 yrs.	
George Baroni	Nancy Woodward	
	11 & 12 yrs.	
Alfred Gallese	Patricia Melito	
	9 & 10 yrs.	
Richard Bernard	Donna Grillone	

Officials of the Meet

Peter Mancuso—Starter
John Puppola—Judge
Charles Felix—Judge

Sponsored by North Adams Recreation Board.

Births

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Jangrow on January 19. Mr. Jangrow is employed in Industrial Oil Assembly.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Messina on February 19. Mrs. Messina, Agnes, is employed in the Laboratory.

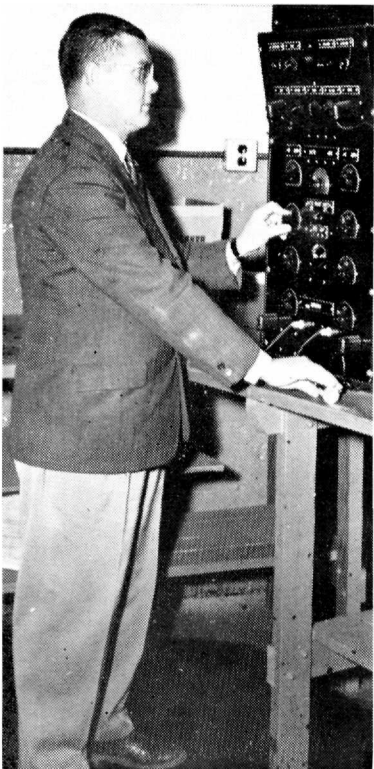
SON to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. LaCross on February 20. Mr. LaCross works on F. P. Assembly.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard G. Blanchard on February 21. Mrs. Blanchard is Shirley of Resistor Winding.

Know Your Foreman

Crawford Bellows, Foreman of Check Inspection, has been a philatelist for about 15 years. Philately is Crawford's hobby and consists of collecting and studying postage stamps. Crack is quite an authority on the subject, having an extensive collection of foreign and U. S. stamps, as well as numerous catalogues giving data on the background and history of the stamps.

Although he has been interested in stamps for quite some time, Crack has been associated with Sprague Electric for an even longer period. In 1931, the Foreman of Check Inspection joined Sprague Electric, working in the Wet Test. But, feeling the call of travel, Crack left for California where he lived for a couple of years. On his return, he worked in Anode Winding Nights. He was transferred to D. C. Dry Test, and spent some time Oven Checking in the D. C. Drys. Crack then went on Days and was a Supervisor testing and shipping A. C. Drys for about a year. The next transfer was to Check Inspection, where Crack now is Foreman.



Crawford Bellows Staff

Mr. Bellows was born in North Adams, brought up and attended schools in Williamstown, and attended school while in California.

Very interested in athletics, he was a professional boxer while on the West Coast. Several years ago, he played hardball with the Sand Springs team, and has umpired softball in the local leagues. Crack used to enjoy playing golf, but now confines himself to following the game closely from the sidelines. A baseball fan, he predicts the Philadelphia Athletics will be making themselves heard from now they have young blood in the managing position.

Mr. Bellows' department, Check Inspection, is responsible for maintaining the quality of all products manufactured by Sprague Electric in North Adams. Check Inspection gives the final check to Sprague Electric products on a sampling basis which has been studied and developed over a period of years. Check Inspection keeps records and charts for all the production departments showing their respective quality levels. Mr. Bellows' Check Inspectors are on every production line insuring our customers that the Sprague Electric high quality level is maintained.

Miscellaneous Paper Finish

by Gert Noel

We bid a sad farewell to our former foreman, **Charles Desrosiers**, who has left us to take complete charge of the Miscellaneous Paper Assembly Department. Charlie was presented with a purse of money on behalf of all the gang.

A hearty welcome to **Raymond Brown** who now is our Foreman. Hope you enjoy working with us, Ray.

Lo and behold, guess who's got the measles? None other than **Milton Hattat**, our fair haired Supervisor. We're all so sorry, Milt. Do hurry and get well quickly for you are greatly missed.

Welcome to **Chuck Wright**. We hope you enjoy being with us, Chuck. **Charlotte O'Brien's** young son, Ricky, also has the measles. Ricky blossomed out in good style.

It's so-long to **Ruth Arrighini, Pearl Walker, Betty Hunt, Helen Harrington, and Mary Zito**. We are indeed sorry to lose you after working together for so many years. These girls have gone with **Charlie Desrosiers** to the Miscellaneous Paper Assembly.

Mina Estes finds living up on the Natural Bridge road kind of rugged with all this snow. Well, Mina, wasn't nature in the rough what you wanted when you moved up there?

Glad to see **Edith Scrivens** finally got shoveled out of her hometown of Petersburg, N. Y.

Miscellaneous Paper Assembly

by Marie-Rose LaFlamme

A hearty welcome back to **Alice Chouinard** who recently returned from a leave of absence. Alice just moved into her new home on Walker Street. She is thrilled to death and beams when telling the girls about it. During her rest, if you could call moving a rest,

Round Midget Assembly

by Anon

Jimmy Boner spends his week ends skiing at Dutch Hill. Claims he is only learning, but we hear he's quite an expert. How about it, Jimmy?

A George Washington party was held February 22 and a smorgasbord luncheon was served. A large cake decorated with hatchets made of cherries was contributed by **Frances Kordana**. Group singing was led by **Mabel Amos**, who also rendered several solos. We are looking forward to another party, soon.

Lenten season is here and we have swear boxes for pennies on our tables.

Vi L. was presented with a silver and green package. Hope you enjoyed spending it.

Don't forget your income tax returns, girls, as time marches on.

Several of the girls attended the wrestling matches and shouted and cheered the lady wrestlers so much that **Peggy D.** couldn't speak the next day. But did they have fun!

Networks

by Mae and Marie

First of all, we would like to say welcome back to **Ann Wabnig, Helen Unis** and **Mary Unis**. It's good to see you with us again.

Congratulations to **Roz Vincelette** who celebrated her birthday recently. Hope you have many more in the years to come.

Now that Lent is here, everyone is giving up sweets. What will happen to poor Marie?

Congratulations and best wishes to **Sylvia Kowalski** on the birth of a daughter, **Alta**, from the Networks. Hope to see you back real soon, Sylvia.

Since **Alta Oakes** has a namesake she's been walking on clouds. And since **Kitty Bergeron** is going to be godmother, she'll be up in the clouds with Alta.

Dickie Clarke was up to see us recently and he makes quite an impressive addition to the Air Force.

Julia Gregalis is happy now her son is home for awhile.

Building 3

by Breezy

Already baseball is becoming the subject of the day, at least between **Margaret Lasher** and **Angie Chase**. They are heatedly discussing Ted Williams. Margaret says that according to statistics Ted is the best in baseball, but Angie argues that statistics could be wrong. Anyone care to join the fun?

Best wishes go to **Rose Mazzu** who celebrated her birthday on February 25. Greetings also go to **Kenny Blanchard** whose birthday was February 27, and to **Betty Tisdale** who noted her birthday February 28.

The recent snowstorm brought work for many of us, but it also brought fun and happiness for our many ardent skiers.

We send our best wishes and a prayer for a safe return to **Dolores Lipinski's** husband, Joe, and to **Janice Russett's** fiancé, Matt Crawford, who left on the 25th to begin their Army life.

Another year of happily married life was noted recently by **Millie Butler**. Her anniversary was the first of February.

We are glad to see **Helen Gooder** back at her job, and looking very well after her recent operation. Feeling better, too, we hope.

Two of our girls were among those who attended the balls held recently. **Fran Therrien** was present at the American Legion Ball and **Gen Melito** was at the Alerts' Ball in Adams. We hear they had a very nice time.

St. Francis Wins Church League By Defeating Baptist

Flash—St. Francis wins the Church League Championship by downing Baptist in a very close clash. In the regular scheduled game between these two clubs, St. Francis handily defeated the Baptist quintet. However, Congo handed St. Francis a jolt by pulling the season's biggest upset in their first defeat.

Here are the Final Standings:

Team	Won	Lost
St. Francis	8	1
Baptist	7	2
Congregational	6	2
Holy Name	6	2
St. John's	4	4
Sacred Heart	3	5
Methodist	2	6
United Church	1	7
Holy Family	0	8

by Fran Brazeau

Bennington Beats Bellows Falls

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Bennington's own Maguire kept in the lead of Southern Vermont scorers by caging 9 baskets and 2 charity tosses for a total of 20 points.

Ben-Hi was rudely thumped by West Rutland, a team that is now ranking either second or first at this writing. Early in the third quarter, the game was no longer in doubt as to the winner but how much of a score was to be made. We don't have the actual score but we do know that Rutland scored some 80 odd points, just about double that of the Ben-Cats.

by Fran Brazeau

Marshall Street Paper Rolling

by Choo-Choo

There were many of the boys who had sore muscles after shoveling out from the 20-inch snowfall.

Danny Donovan would like a cure for his insomnia. Anyone have any suggestions?

Pat Mazza has been waiting for quite some time for some eggs from **Joe Zona's** "ranch". You had better buy those chickens, Joe.

Chuck Mulcahy deserves a gold medal. He has been in on time, and early besides, for the past month. Keep up the good record, Chuck.

John Raby is making plans for building his new home in the Frienre development in Williamstown. He will start building in the spring. Best of luck, John.

Larry Hiser has his vegetable and flower gardens all planned on paper, and anxiously is awaiting spring.

Bill Pratt is the new LOG artist. Bill works on the second shift and has been drawing since he was a little tot. We are waiting for more cartoons.

Vitreous Enamel Resistors

by Norma Rancatti

Mary Fern has returned to work after her long absence. We are glad to see you again, Mary.

Norma Rancatti celebrated her birthday February 29. She has one birthday every four years because of Leap Year. Is it lucky or unlucky?

John Shaker missed his favorite dish at **Ed Scully's** dinner, cold slaw salad.

Phyllis Brooks still is on sick leave. Hurry and get well, Phil, as we miss you.

Sammy Dean brought in some old pictures of some of the Sprague Electric employees who worked here in 1935. Did we have fun remembering some of them. It was very interesting.

Once again, the gang of the Vitreous Enamel Department held a farewell party. The occasion this time was to honor **Ed Scully**, our capable Supervisor, who recently was promoted to Foreman and left us to assume his new appointment at the Kingston plant on February 27. After a very nice lunch, Check Inspector **Bob Nagle** presented Ed with gifts from the gang and wished him the best of everything possible on his new assignment. We will certainly miss you, Ed.

Machine Shop

by John Walsh

We want to welcome **Santo Simonelli** and **Joseph Koczala** to the Machine Shop. We're glad to have you with us.

A good fishing trip was enjoyed February 16-17 by **Bill Schink**, **Harold Brown**, **George Giroux**, and **Louis Van Fleet**. All had a good time and caught fish for the derby held by the Adams and Pittsfield Clubs. The weather was fine, but the boys got a big surprise when they returned to North Adams to find it under snow. Both of the clubs had a very successful derby. Many of the fish caught were placed in the Hoosac Lake in Cheshire.

William Barber is recuperating in Tampa, Florida after his illness.

We wish **Joseph Carroll**, who is confined to his home, a speedy recovery.

Henry Anderson and his wife, Margaret, had visitors for a week end recently. Their son, Henry, Jr. and his family, who live in Boston, came up.

John Murray recently created quite a sensation when he came to work wearing one black and one brown shoe. John must have been reading Esquire.

Formation

by Ed Cook

A son, Dennis, was born on February 14 to Mr. and Mrs. **Milan Trimachi**. Our best wishes.

Spring is just around the corner and so is baseball and the opening of the fishing season. Already **Larry Clark** has the World Series won by the Yankees, but **Adam Pevoski** still thinks the Red Sox have a chance.

Our good friend **Larry Weld** has his fishing gear all oiled up and ready to go. How about a good fish dinner, Larry?

George Senecal fell and broke his arm about two weeks ago. He now is wondering how he is going to get his camp finished and also do some fishing with only one arm.

The winter has been long, dark and cold, but soon the snow will be gone and spring will be here with all its beauty and a new life will begin outside our homes. There will be many things to do, vacations, auto trips, baseball games, and such. Let's all enjoy them as we should.

Shipping

by C. T.

We all miss **Andrew Ross** who is out on sick leave. Hurry back, Andy.

Joanne Mancuso went to the American Legion Ball, February 15. From all reports, she had a wonderful time.

George Bushika has been transferred to the Maintenance Department.

Heat Seal

Betty Beckwith served as bridesmaid at her brother's wedding recently. The bride was **Betty Burdick** from the Employee Relations Department.

Edith Quinton was presented with a farewell gift and cake from the Heat Seal Line on her last day of work. We miss you, Edith.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Richard F. Trotter** on the death of his father, Mr. Claude P. Trotter.

Filters

by Ginger

Bertha Roy's son, Francis, has enlisted in the Navy.

Pauline Perrault attended the Eagles Auxiliary Banquet in Worcester last week.

We are wondering what has happened to **Martha Lewis**. She stays in the plant at noon. I wonder if she is trying to keep tabs on me. Are you, Martha?

Millie Letelian and **Claire Shaw** have given up eating candy for Lent. Are you going to keep it up, girls?

Gert Pedercini's son was home on furlough before leaving for Alaska.

They say the Filter Department is like Hollywood and Vine. Anything can happen here and usually does. Incidentally, I did not write that poem which was in the last issue of the LOG. **Flo Lang** is the guilty party.

Retail Sales

by Barb and Mario

Happy birthday greetings to **Avelina King** who celebrated on February 14 and to **Lorraine Lavigne** who celebrated on February 15. A spaghetti dinner was enjoyed by everyone during lunch hour and Avelina and Lorraine received birthday cakes from the gang.

We miss **Emma Tadiello** who has been out sick and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Sis Vadnais and **Lucille Matranga** recently attended the American Legion Ball and had a lovely time.

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DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kowalski on February 18. Mrs. Kowalski is Sylvia of Industrial Oil Stacking.

Bennington Wire Coating

(Nights)

by Rusty Hutchinson

Louise Molain has been appointed nurse. There will henceforth be an increase in cuts and bruises among male workers.

We helped **Madeline Pollock** celebrate her birthday on February 22. George took a back seat for a few minutes while we gorged ourselves on delicious cakes brought by **Rose Thibodeau** and **Desanges Pellerin**.

Rascal, **Maurice Martino's** black cocker spaniel, isn't just squandering his nights when he follows his master on his rounds. Maurice tells me Rascal goes on rat raids every night.

Brown Street News

KVA

by Mary Bua and Frank Santelli

We're happy to hear **Howard Donovan's** father is better and back to work.

Junior Vincelletto, who recently bought a new Studebaker, would like to have the front seat occupied. Blondes or brunettes may apply.

Flash! Millie Mahoney is a grandmother again. This time it is a granddaughter.

Glad to see **Kenny Russell** back and in good form after his illness.

Everybody is wondering why **Bill Smith's** car just won't run to North Adams from Bennington without breaking down.

Does anyone want good radio reception? Contact **Howard Donovan**, he has the antennas.

There is a new name going around in the KVA. "Hawshaw", who can he be?

Wire Coating

by Corena Tatro

Marty Kassner says three little girls can become a handful, especially if they get chicken pox. But they are on the mend again and back to school.

Loren and **Jean Jangrow** are the proud parents of a son. They have named him **Allen Loren**. **Betty Jangrow** is the proud grandmother.

Helen Foote and **Paul Sanford** spent a couple of days out ill. Both are back to work and feeling fine.

Ray Dickinson is looking forward to a visit with his daughter, **Stella**. She is expected home soon. **Stella** is stationed in Tacoma, Washington and is a student nurse.

We find **Margaret Moulton** and **Earl Washburn** are active in scout work. We think it is wonderful to spend time and energy on such a worthy cause.

Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. **Edward W. Pilot** have announced the marriage of their daughter, **Joan Vivian Pilot**, to **William Thomas Gomeau**, son of Mrs. **Alice Gomeau** and **William T. Gomeau**. The ceremony was performed on February 2 in Petersburg. The bride is employed in the Mica Department.

On February 9, **Miss Ruth Theresa Boyer**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Ernest Boyer**, became the bride of **Joseph Lee Brewer, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Brewer** at 9 o'clock in Notre Dame church. The bride is employed in the Payroll Department. The groom was employed in the Resistor Department, but has been called into military service.

Miss Evelyn Elizabeth Burdick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Lawrence E. Burdick**, became the bride of **Edward Philip Beckwith**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Leon F. Beckwith**, on February 23 in the First Methodist church. The bride is employed in the Employee Relations Department.

On February 23, **Miss Dorothy Eileen Gay**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Wilson Gay**, and **Donald Edward Belanger**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Belanger**, were married in St. Francis' church. The bride is employed in Network and Filter Assembly.

Industrial Oil Rolling

by Erminia Sweeney

Helen Unis and **Ann Wabnig** have gone back to Marshall Street. Sorry to see you go, girls.

Alcide Guisti's favorite cry is, "Anybody got any hot peppers?"

Anniversaries: It was 50 years for the parents of **Alice Beauchamp**, 25 for **Connie Bush**, and 19 for the **Sweeneys**.

We are very glad to hear **Albina Bouchard** is recuperating after an operation. Hope to see you back soon, Albina.

Lorraine Bullett is on leave of absence.

Hurry and get well, **Alice Beauchamp**. Your side-kick, **Liz Slattery**, is lost without you.

The most thoughtful person in our room is **Frances Pitoniak**.

We expect **Marquerite Walsh** to come in with a club some day because of the amount of teasing she takes.

Hello and welcome back, **Betty West**.

We extend our sympathy to **Helen Falco** on the death of her father.

Industrial Oil Stacking

(Special Orders)

by Marg Greene

Fame and fortune seem to be what we are searching for today so be it known that there is a fortune teller in our midst and it looks like our gang has a bright future. However, I believe if **Eva Bergeron** looked into the crystal ball, she would have known there was nothing in that box.

Will the department talents never cease? **Jerry Delisle** made her own Valentines. **Bell Dow** made our light pulls. **Stella Graney** has proven masterfully that she can bake. **Helen Bailey** can complete the jobs when the rest of us fail. **Mary Cozzaglio** has the art of undying humor.

Birthday wishes were extended to **Agnes Houghton**. May there be many more.

Information please: Have your youngsters had the measles, mumps, and chicken pox?

We are sorry to have lost our co-workers and we hope they return soon.

Resistor Assembly

by Chick and Chuck

Vi Shea's son, **Charlie, Jr.**, is now in the Air Force. He is at the Sampson Air Base in Geneva, N. Y. receiving his basic training.

Virginia Pettit is back at work after a long illness.

Cards have been received from **Bob Pettit** of the U. S. Navy and **Joe Brewer** of the U. S. Army. Also, a letter from **Victor Gay** of the Air Force. And we heard from **Leroy Johndrow** who did some casting just before joining the Marines.

John Mac Farlane had double trouble a few weeks ago during that heavy snowstorm. First, his car got stuck on the trail, then, when he got it home, he found his neighbors had shoveled all their snow in front of his garage. Reports have it that John had about five feet of snow to shovel before he could get his garage doors open. Better luck next time, John.

Several girls in the department are sporting diamonds, including **Elsie Del Molino** and **Jane Mulcahy**.

Theresa Morocco had a fine time at the American Legion Ball.

Janet Horn spent several days visiting in New York recently.

That new Rocket 98 which is parked on Brown Street daily belongs to our foreman, **Red Czerwinski**.

Dick Racette and **John Mac Farlane** are giving up smoking during lent.

A big welcome to **William Johnston**, who now is casting on the night shift.

Industrial Oil Stacking

by Ann Heath and L. Lewis

Anyone in need of a pastry cook, contact **Charlie Cyr**. His specialty is "lemon pie a la hatchet".

We miss **Teddy Mirante** who is ill. We hope it isn't serious, Teddy.

Betty West believes in being ritzy. She takes a dynamite cocktail before dinner every night.

Walt Brame has turned gentleman farmer on us. We hear you are herding cows in Clarksburg, Walt.

What is there about a hot oven which **Alice Beer** likes? Hot biscuits!

Brotherhood?

Brotherhood week has gone once more Throughout the world from shore to shore

All men are brothers from within Without thought to creed or skin.

Don't look down on some one's race Because of the cast of eyes or face Brotherhood Week is good 'tis true But let's keep it the whole year through.

Industrial Oils Final Assembly

by Belle Fuller

Mildred Lerner, who has been shipping clerk, has accepted an office job in the upper KVA. We hope you will like your new job, but we'll miss you down here.

Gert Rusek, who went to Boston to visit her sister, saw the Ice Follies while she was there. She told us it was wonderful and she had a grand time. Gert is our desk clerk while **Marion Loholdt** is absent.

Last week, **Rocco Trimachi** came to work with a great big smile. A few seconds later, he was passing out cigars. Guess what? He's an uncle for the first time. Rocco will be leaving us soon to work for Uncle Sam as he has joined the Navy. Hope you like the water.

Melvina Brosseau has been out because of illness. Hope you are feeling better.

Industrial Oils Final Assembly

by Belle Fuller

We are happy to hear Pvt. **Leonard (Red) Lewitt** is doing so nicely in sports. Hope you keep up the success, Red. We are all for you. Red's address is: RA11237415, c/o Armed Service, Y.M.C.A., 320 Marion Street, Seattle 4, Washington.

Sorry to lose **Marion Loholdt Morin** who is on a leave of absence. We will be thinking of you, Marion. Hope you will be back with us soon.

Glad to have **Vivian Montgomery** back to work with us. She has been out because of the illness of her little son.

We have a new co-worker with us and we like her. Hope you like working with us, **Florence Demarco**.

Sorry our foreman, **Kenneth Russell**, has been out ill. Hope you are feeling better, Kenny.

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DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas A. Martin** on February 3. Mr. Martin is employed in Check Inspection.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. **John E. Blair** on February 11. Mrs. Blair is Mary of Molded Tubular Section Solder.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. **Bernard Schenker** on February 16. Mr. Schenker is employed in Research and Engineering.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Ziemiak** on February 15. Mrs. Ziemiak is the former **Barbara Mackenzie** and is employed in Brown Street General.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. **Ronald Tovani** on February 16. Mr. Tovani is employed in Round Midget Assembly and his wife, Mary Jane work in Paper Rolling.

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Editorial

A few weeks ago, the eleven leading industries in North Adams were honored at a dinner given by a group of civic-minded men. It was very heart-warming for these industrial leaders to be assured the community was happy to have them here and proud of their businesses. Sprague Electric was among the industries so honored by the community.

Appreciation is a fine thing. There is nothing more human than the desire to be appreciated. It often is the inspiration for greater endeavor. There is just one thing wrong with appreciation, it is indulged in too infrequently.

One of the most unappreciated items, which we live surrounded by, is our community itself. With its splendid physical location and its many thriving businesses, North Adams has numerous attributes of which to be proud. It has come a long way since 1878 when it began its independent existence. At that time, there were 10,000 people in North Adams; today, the city has a population of approximately 24,000.

The greater number of these 24,000 people are engaged in industry. About 3,400 of them work at Sprague Electric producing capacitors and resistors. In addition to electronic products, 35 distinct products are made here. Among them are print cloth, worsted for men's suitings, wool fabrics, shoes, textile machinery, bakery products, leather tanning, boxboards, clothboards, mill brushes, yarns, boxes, baby carriage straps, roll covering, crackers, curtains, printing, rugs, tire fabrics, cigars, paper and wood products, bathroom hampers, lumber, wooden toys, etc.

The city has the unique feature of possessing the Hoosac Tunnel which breaks the mountain ranges for the trains and gives North Adams a near water-level route to the eastern part of the state. North Adams, known as the Tunnel City, has as its slogan "We Hold the Western Gateway".

With its Berkshire location, the area offers many advantages to those who enjoy outdoor sports. The scenery of the countryside needs no praise.

You don't have to come from Texas to be proud of your home. North Adams needs a little appreciation, don't you think? It is just as easy to find things to comment on favorably as to tear down. And, a great deal of the time, it is much more effective.

Roland Rousseau Receives Basic Training at Sampson Air Base; Has Many Classes, Drills, and Little Time Off

Pvt. Roland D. Rousseau AF11245529
3656 Training Squadron Flight 1391
Sampson Air Force Base, New York

Dear Friends,

Well, I finally reached Sampson Air Force Base and am fairly well settled. I wish I could have written sooner, but spare time is one thing we have very little of during training which consists of 8 weeks. Basic training is not hard, but many think it is. Everything has to be in tip-top shape and ready for inspection every day of our 8 weeks of basic training. We are lucky in a way because when Sampson Air Force Base first opened up a year ago last February, all the enlisted men had 13 weeks of basic. The Air Force is thinking of bringing back the 13 weeks of basic, but it will not affect us.

During basic, we have math classes military science training classes, orientation classes, physical training classes once a day, and drills. After the day is over, we go back to the barracks and clean our shoes and room. We polish the floors and halls with shoe polish

Just Around the Plant . . .



Time Clock Rush

at least once a week. We get up at 4:30 every morning except Sundays, and we go to bed at 9:00 sharp.

I will be glad when I get through basic training so I can start at an occupation or technical school. Then I will have most nights and week ends off.

The weather here at Sampson is not too good because it changes every day. The Air Force, I think, serves food

as good or better than any branch of the service.

Well, it is time for me to hit the sack and say so long for now.

Yours truly,
Roland Rousseau

A resident of Bennington and a former employe of the Bennington Wire Coating Department, Roland left for the service early in January of this year.

Mae Stratton Has Collection of Rare Antique Dolls

By Joanne Deans

"Oh, you beautiful dolls"—have you ever heard this song hummed from a certain corner of the Filter Department where Mae Stratton works. Well, no one has more of a right to sing this song than Mae who in a period of seven or eight years has collected many lovely antique dolls. Mae, who hails from Bennington, Vermont, became interested in collecting dolls several years ago before the birth of her daughter, Lucinda. She bought her first doll, which was to be for the baby, at an auction, much against the better judgment of her sister who tried to discourage her with the thought that the baby might be a boy and not a girl. But Mae was not easily discouraged and that was the beginning of her now famous collection. Since that time, Mae has collected over 200 priceless dolls, each one different, each having its own special name, and each having a special story behind it.

Take, for example, Martha Jackson, the only doll Mae has which was inherited. Martha, who was named after the great aunt who gave it to Mae, only possessed a head and Mae had to make a body for her, as well as having a 12-year-old boy in Wisconsin make the tiny feet. Put them all together and you have Martha Jackson.

Mae's dolls are approximately 60 to 70 years old, dating back to the beginning of the last half of the nineteenth century. They usually have bodies made of wood or of kid, with the tiny feet and heads made of a hard substance, similar somewhat to the feet and head of a doll of our generation. Many of Mae's dolls have human hair, ranging in color from blonde to brunette. The costumes are usually of the period to which they belong—full skirt reaching the floor and having a bustle in the back.

One of Mae's most treasured possessions is a French Fashion doll. As the name would suggest, it is a beautiful doll made in Paris, and dressed in the height of the fashion of the 1860's. This lovely little doll is dressed in a beaded black dress which has several layers of petticoats under it to give it the fullness it needs as it touches the floor. A big black hat with blue ostrich feathers is worn on top of the blonde hair which falls in ringlets to the ears from which amber stone earrings dangle. This doll is very different in that it has a wooden body with knee, arm, and elbow joints so she can sit down, move her arm, etc. The



Mae Stratton has a collection of over 200 rare dolls. The doll seated in the front row, second from the left is a reproduction of Jenny Lind, the famous singer.

name of this beautiful doll is Inlay Tuttle—and it is easy to see why Mae doesn't ever want to part with her.

If there is an auction in town, you are sure to find Mae there as she can't resist going to one to see if she can't find just one more doll. A few years ago, Mae's husband gave her money for a new coat—but on the way to the store Mae saw an antique shop. She weakened and instead of a new coat, she came home with three new dolls—Mae admits she'd rather have a new doll than new clothes. But a wiser husband escorted her the next time to the store for that coat.

As we looked at Mae's dolls, it was easy to realize why she is so fond of them. One is a lovely fragile blonde doll, dressed up in a white gown with white feathers on it. This doll is a reproduction of Jenny Lind, the famous singing star of the last half of the 19th century and is so delicate that we hated to touch it for fear it would break.

One of the most unusual dolls in Mae's collection is the two-faced baby doll. At first glance, this doll appears to be just a baby doll dressed up in an old fashioned long baby dress and little white bonnet, but when you pick it up, and turn its head around, the pleasant faced baby disappears and you have the features of a crying baby. What a nasty little face it is! Looks like Red Skelton's face during the "nasty little boy" skit in the movies.

It is odd but the more you seem to smile at the nasty little face, the harder it seems to cry.

Mae not only collects the dolls themselves but she has numerous dresses, accessories and pieces of furniture for them. One doll alone has seven or eight different costumes. Mae's hopes for the future are to some day open a doll shop and museum combined. By then Cindy, her daughter will be old enough to help her. Already, Cindy shares her mother's love for dolls and is making her own collection of miniature ones. With help such as that Mae should not have long to wait to have that shop-museum.

Mae's immediate plan for the future is to be able to put on a doll exposition for the benefit of the Cancer Fund. I am sure that when Mae has her exposition and when later on she has her doll-shop museum, she will have many a visitor not only from the Filter Department but from the whole of Sprague Electric; and that we too will go away singing "Oh, you beautiful dolls".

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